GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Paddy Cultivation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote paddy cultivation in the country and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that farmers are leaving paddy cultivation due to the heavy losses and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam. Government of India has been promoting paddy cultivation through various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, for which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments. In order to improve production and productivity of paddy, a number of Crop Development Schemes /Programmes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by Government of India through State Governments in the country. Under the above schemes/programmes assistance is being provided for Cluster demonstrations with latest crop production technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, promotion of latest varieties/hybrids, promotion of stress tolerant varieties, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management, improved farm machineries/tools, post harvest and marketing support, water saving devices and cropping system based trainings etc.

(b) & (c): The area under paddy cultivation has been fluctuating during last 2-3 years due to erratic rainfall such as late arrival of monsoon, long dry spell etc. To overcome these problems Government of India has been promoting stress tolerant varieties of paddy and improved farm implements like drum seeder, seed drill etc., under the above schemes/programmes.

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